

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION
(State Guidelines § 15062)

County Clerk's Filing Stamp

TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT
32003 Dove Canyon Drive
Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679

TO: [X] Clerk-Recorder
COUNTY OF ORANGE
12 Civic Center Plaza, Room 101
Santa Ana, CA 92701

FROM: [X] TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT
32003 Dove Canyon Drive
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Project Name: Trabuco Highlands Pressure Reducing Stations Project

Project Location (specific): Rosemount Drive and Dawnview Lane & Heritage Drive

Project Location: (City) Rancho Santa Margarita
(County) Orange

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Trabuco Canyon Water District ("TCWD") intends to construct two separate pressure reducing stations ("PRSs"), each with 8-inch and 3-inch pressure reducing valves complete with isolation valves and controls located inside a concrete vault. The concrete vaults will be below grade with lockable access hatches. Each PRS, and associated piping, will be located within an existing easement or the public right of way and in a landscaped area away from pedestrian walkways and paths. One PRS will be located on Rosemount Drive in a Homeowner Association ("HOA") maintained slope near the intersection of Dawnview Lane. The other PRS will be located on Heritage Drive, across the street from the Heritage Lift Station and in an HOA maintained grass area. A map of the Project area, reflecting the approximate location of the Project, is attached as Figure 1-1.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Trabuco Canyon Water District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Trabuco Canyon Water District

Exempt Status: (check one)

- ☐ Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268):
- ☐ Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a)):
- ☐ Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(6); 15269(b)(c)):
- ☒ Categorical Exemptions: CEQA Guidelines §§ 15301 (Existing Facility) & 15303
(State type and section number) (New Construction of Small Structures).
- ☒ Statutory Exemptions: Public Resources Code Section 21080.21 (pipeline projects)
- ☐ Activity is not a project [Sec. 15061(b)(3)]:

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

The EXEMPT STATUS of the project is provided for Sections 15301 and 15303 of Article 19 (Categorical Exemptions) of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, which exempts (1) existing facilities consisting of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination, and (2) construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The Project involves the minor alteration of existing water pipeline infrastructure and the installation of small new facilities relating to the existing water pipeline infrastructure.

The EXEMPT STATUS of the project is also provided by Public Resources Code Section 21080.21, which exempts from CEQA any project of less than one mile in length within a public street or highway or other public right of way for the installation of a new pipeline (including related subsurface facilities) or the maintenance, repair, restoration, reconditioning, relocation, replacement, removal, or demolition of an existing pipeline. The Project involves the construction of subsurface water pipeline facilities within an existing easement or public right of way, or the public right of way and in a landscaped area away from pedestrian walkways and paths.


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If filed by applicant: *Not Applicable*

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Submission of this form is optional. State agencies may file the form with the Office of Planning and Research pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21108(b). Local agencies may file this form with the county clerk pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21152(b). The filing of the notice starts a 35-day statute of limitations on court challenges to the approval of the project under Public Resources Code Section 21167(d). Failure to file the notice results in the statute of limitations being extended to 180 days. The formation filed by state agencies is maintained at the Office of Planning and Research, 1600 Tenth Street, Sacramento, California, 95816; telephone (916) 665-0613.

Date: January 18, 2012


Hector Ruiz, District Engineer

Date received for filing at OPR:

Figure 1-1

Trabuco Highlands Pressure Reducing Stations Project
Project Area Map

